UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

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i. Deletion of Inventor(s)

Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b)

5. [] Incorporation by reference (useable if box 4b is checked)

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- 6. Microfiche Computer Program (Appendix)
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8. [XX] Assignment Papers (cover sheet and document(s)) to: <u>HIGASHIO MECH CO., LTD., Kawachinagano-shi, Japan</u> and <u>NIPPON STEEL CORPORATION, Tokyo, Japan</u>

Please publish the assignee data with the application.

9. [] 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement (when there is an assignee)

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